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March 18, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

TO: OFFICE OF PETITIONS

Sir:

**PETITION TO EXPUNGE AND CORRECT ASSIGNMENT RECORDS**

This petition is directed to the Office of Petitions. *See* M.P.E.P §1002.02(b). This petition is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.59.

The petition is made to correct a mistake that occurred in recording the assignment in the above-captioned application. An assignment document (at Tab A) was incorrectly submitted in connection with this application and recorded on October 11, 2001, at reel/frame nos. 012259/0659. This petition requests that the assignment at Tab A be expunged from the USPTO assignment records and/or that the USPTO assignment records indicate that the assignment is incorrect.

A petition fee is included and is in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) and 1.181.

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Statement Of Facts

1. Applicants' undersigned attorney submitted for recordation the assignment and assignment coversheet attached at Tab A. The assignment document (Tab A) submitted was not for this application, but rather for an unrelated application. The assignment coversheet referred to this application, and indicated the proper applicants and assignee for this application. The assignment document (Tab A) did not correspond to the coversheet.

2. The submission of the assignment document (Tab A) and its inclusion with the assignment coversheet was an inadvertent and innocent error may by applicants' attorney. The mistake is that an assignment from an unrelated case was inadvertently attached to the assignment recordation sheet that was intended for this case.

3. The assignment (Tab A) was recorded by the USPTO on October 11, 2001, at reel/frame nos. 012259/0659. The USPTO issued a notice of recordation and returned the assignment document (Tab A) to applicants on December 27, 2001.

4. A second assignment and assignment coversheet for this application was submitted by Applicants' attorney. This second assignment and assignment coversheet is attached at Tab B. The second assignment and coversheet properly relate to this application. They were recorded by the USPTO also on October 11, 2001, and at reel/frame nos. 012368/0669. The USPTO issued a notice or recordation and returned the assignment document (Tab B) to applicants on February 7, 2002.

5. Applicants first discovered the incorrect submission of the assignment at Tab A in mid-January 2002. They brought it to the attention of their attorney who has promptly submitted this petition.

Petition Request

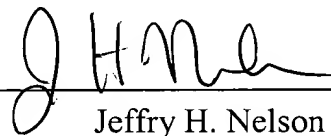
An innocent mistake was inadvertently made by applicants' U.S. patent attorney in preparing the assignment for recordation by the USPTO. This mistake resulted in the recordation of an incorrect assignment. This petition is made to correct the assignment by expunging the PTO records and/or including an indication in the USPTO records that the assignment at reel/frame 012259/0659 is incorrect.

Applicant's attorney is available to answer any questions or assist in correcting the assignment records. He can be reached at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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